

Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council Legislative Update: May 30, 2013

As we go to press this week the local coverage by our Arizona print media reflects several things happening in and around the Capitol, namely a lot of ‘quiet’ and not much activity, along with speculation as to when our state budget may be finalized and passed. Not only is this lull in the action effecting the proposed Medicaid expansion, it now has created an urgency for local public school teachers who are beginning to receive ‘pink slips’ or notices that their contracts may not be renewed due to budget shortfalls with potential results at this point of undetermined changes in students per teacher ratios in public district classrooms. While this is not a new outcome in our state in terms of the impact when budget talks are seriously delayed, the uncertainty caused by this type of issue contributes to incredible unrest for most K-12 educators. Speculation is that class size may range from 40 students in upper division classrooms, to a total of 28 young people in kindergarten classes if this remains unresolved. Again, the impact is real for Arizona’s children.

Meanwhile, the Medicaid expansion proposal now has landed squarely in the lap of Speaker Tobin who has speculated and been quoted in our print media that without his vote, ‘...it does not pass...’. Therefore, writing and re-writing are underway to create a type of failsafe mechanism that allows our State to drop the expanded population if the federal matching formula drops below 85%. This is in direct opposition to the Governor’s plan, which calls for dropping out if the federal math falls below 80%. As we move toward the end of May and the designated conclusion shortly of the time allocated for our State Legislature to be in Session as a collective body, we are reviewing what has been accomplished thus far that will have an impact on Arizona’s developmentally disabled community. In totality, our leaders introduced 1,465 bills this Session. This is up by 70 over last year’s active session. Let’s begin to review the potential impact of some specifics of this legislative work.

An obvious theme to the key pieces of legislation now becoming law in Arizona is that we are raising our standards for humane and ethical treatment of citizens with developmental disabilities as a result of very specific language being enacted in to law. **HR 2476** concerning the regulation of **Isolation Rooms** in our community school districts is both interesting and proactive. It requires a stronger involvement of many of the stakeholders within our school districts, in order to reduce the impact and potential for misuse of these types of ‘time out’

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or ‘away’ rooms. A clear impact that will be felt as a result of this language is that pupils who are left alone or have infrequent monitoring will be provided for with greater guidelines, including the early notification of their parents that this type of approach may be used with their child(ren). Significant impact will be felt by moving this information to inclusion in a student’s enrollment packet and/or admission form.

This is both logical and ethical in terms of alerting the adults in a child’s life to the possibility of this type of exclusionary action. This new law will hopefully also preclude an after the fact reaction by some parents in Arizona that have not learned of this type of action being taken on behalf of their child(ren) until a school day is concluded. This will strictly be prevented from occurring unless a student poses imminent physical harm to self or others. The proactive impact of all of the above lies in the intent to operate and take action in a way that is in the best interest of all children. In so doing this mandatory partnership with the parents/adults who have care giving responsibilities for the child will move to provide much greater coordination overall. Not only does this new law provide for reasonable measures, it provides for authentic commitment on the part of all parties to do what is in the best interest of all.

Likewise **SB 1008, Foster Home Licensure** is clearly crafted language that spells out that the Division monitoring child welfare and placement will not require a foster parent to immunize the foster parent’s natural or adoptive children as a condition of foster home licensure. More controversial in nature, this language raises many questions about the impact for potential public health concerns and the manner in which the government becomes involved in personal decisions. However, children who are medically fragile or in other words unable to receive vaccines or those who are too young to be fully vaccinated, will need to be placed in a home where all of the children are fully vaccinated in order to fully protect those children. Our Arizona State Department of Health Services will be instrumental in future conversations regarding the nuances of this topic and the long term impact of this legislation.

Similarly the Resolution designating October of each year as the Dwarfism recognition timeframe serves as the impetus for the most broadly based potential for full inclusion for these citizens. At no other time in the state’s history has the legislative body recognized this nomenclature and come forward with a full opportunity under state action to educate the public on this health circumstance and the lack of limitations that individuals with dwarfism have as they contribute in full measure within Arizona communities.

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Reminder: You may be interested in following more closely one of more of the bills that are of special interest to you or that may have an impact on you, a family member, a friend, or neighbor. If you want to begin doing this, simply type the address www.azleg.gov into your computer ‘internet browser’ (the main block at the top of your computer screen), or search for the phrase ‘Arizona State Legislature’ and click on the link to the official AZ Legislature website (usually the first result).

Please let us know how we can make this report more useful for you (lclausen@azdes.gov).

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Bill Status Summary Table**May 30, 2013**

Key:

Passed & Signed	In Progress	Failed
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Please refer to the Glossary at the end of the document for definitions of unfamiliar terms.

* Indicates items new to the report this week

BILLS RELATED TO DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY ISSUES			
Bill Number	Sponsor	Brief Description	Status
HB 2042 Fact Sheet	Representative H. Carter (REP)	<p>Technical correction; home health agencies</p> <p>Now: Schools, Pupils with Diabetes</p> <p>Allows voluntary diabetes care assistants to administer or assist a pupil self-administer insulin in an emergency situation under certain circumstances.</p>	Signed by Governor 4/11/13

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Bill Number	Sponsor	Brief Description	Status
HB 2044 Fact Sheet	Representative H. Carter (REP)	Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS); Continuation. Extend the AHCCCS system for 10 more years to July 1, 2023.	Passed House 2/13/13. Assigned to Senate Health & Human Services Committee. Senate second read: 2/20/13 2/27/13 Recommendation: Do Pass 3/5/13: Majority Caucus Y; Minority Caucus Y
HB 2045 Fact Sheet	Representative H. Carter (REP)	AHCCCS; Hospital Reimbursement Methodology Change the way hospitals are paid; no longer require legislature to approve new rates.	Passed House 2/21/13 Passed Senate with amendments 4/15/13 4/16/13 House Majority Caucus H; Minority Caucus Y 4/23/13 House refused to concur in Senate amendments Moved to FREE Conference Committee. 5/15/13 Passed House 5/16/13 Passed Senate. Transmitted to House.

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Bill Number	Sponsor	Brief Description	Status
HB 2047 Fact Sheet	Representatives: D. Goodale (REP); P. Boyer (REP)	AIMS Replacement Effective July 1, 2014, the Arizona Instrument to Measure Standards (AIMS) test is eliminated and replaced with a competency test adopted by the State Board of Education	Passed House 2/5/13. Assigned to Senate Education Committee and Government and Environment Committee. Senate second read 2/20/13 3/21/13 Education Committee - discussion only.
HB 2066 Fact Sheet	Representatives H. Carter (REP); K. Brophy McGee (REP);	Definitions; Archaic Language; Removal Makes various changes to definition sections of current ARS in order to remove archaic language.	Signed by Governor 4/11/13

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Bill Number	Sponsor	Brief Description	Status
HB2089 Fact Sheet	Representatives: K. Brophy McGee (REP); H. Carter (REP)	AHCCCS; Chronically Ill Children Amends or changes a variety of sections of the current statutes related to ACHHS.	Passed House 2/28/13 Passed Senate with amendments 5/14/13 Transmitted to House 5/14/13 5/16/13 Majority Caucus Y; Minority Caucus Y. Concurrence Recommended.
HB2091 Fact Sheet	Representatives: K. Brophy McGee (REP); H. Carter (REP)	AHCCCS; Orthotic Services; Restoration Amends or changes services related to the AHCCCS system.	Passed House 3/6/13 Passed Senate COW with amendments 4/25/13

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Bill Number	Sponsor	Brief Description	Status
HB 2144 Fact Sheet	Representatives: K. Brophy McGee (REP); C. Miranda (DEM); H. Carter (REP); D. Goodale (REP)	Child Protective Services Amends or changes the current ARS that defines the purpose of this agency to include investigations, safety matters, cooperative work with law enforcement agencies, coordination of permanent solutions on behalf of all children.	Passed House 2/28/13 Assigned to Senate Health & Human Services Committee Senate second read: 3/5/13 Recommendation: Do Pass with amendments 3/13/13 3/19/13: Majority Caucus Y; Minority Caucus Y
HB 2158 Fact Sheet	Representative J. Kavanagh (REP).	Court-ordered Evaluations This bill is an emergency measure that allows a peace officer (officer) to detain a person who is believed to be a danger based on probable cause.	Passed House 2/28/13 Assigned to Senate Public Safety Committee Senate second read: 3/5/13 Recommendation: Do Pass 3/13/13
HB 2161 Fact Sheet Pending	Representatives: C. Campbell (DEM); E. Meyer (DEM), B. Wheeler (DEM), M. A. Cardenas (DEM), A. Delessandro (DEM); D. McCune Davis (DEM)	License Fee; Service Dogs; Waiver Amends or changes the language in the Arizona Revised Statutes on the process of animal registration and control.	Assigned to Agriculture and Water Committee. House second read: 1/23/13

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Bill Number	Sponsor	Brief Description	Status
HB 2259 Fact Sheet	Representatives T. Forese (REP); S. Montenegro (REP); W. Peterson (REP); J. Dial (REP); T.J. Shope (REP)	Vocational Rehabilitation; Prosthetic Appliances; Orthodontics <input type="checkbox"/> NOW: Orthodontic devices; Transaction Privilege Tax For the purposes of vocational rehabilitation, the definition of "prosthetic appliance" is expanded to include orthodontic appliances.	4/17/13 Signed by Governor
HB 2401 Fact Sheet	Representative H. Carter (REP)	Service Animal; Definition. Amends or changes the Arizona Revised Statutes related to the handling of animals.	4/5/13 Signed by Governor

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HB 2458 Fact Sheet	Representatives: P. Boyer (REP); J. Allen (REP); J. D. Mesnard (REP); J. Olson (REP); B. Robson (REP); K. Townsend (REP); S. Yarbrough (REP);	Empowerment Scholarship Accounts; Fraud Prevention Outlines additional policies that the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) can adopt to monitor fraudulent activity in Empowerment Scholarship Accounts (ESA), and details what constitutes fraudulent use of an ESA.	Signed by Governor 5/2/13
HB 2476 Fact Sheet	Representatives K. Townsend (REP); S. Borrelli (REP); A. Kwasman (REP); D. Lesko (REP); W. Peterson (REP); D. Stevens (REP);	Schools; Isolation Rooms; Restrictions This law amends or changes the Arizona Revised Statutes relating to pupil discipline.	Signed by Governor 4/3/13

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Bill Number	Sponsor	Brief Description	Status
HB 2483 Fact Sheet	Representative D. Stevens (REP);	Public Notices; Publishing; Public Medium Requires public notices to be published on a public medium rather than in a newspaper.	3/18/13 Failed in House
HB2533 Fact Sheet	Representatives W. Peterson (REP); D. Goodale (REP); P. Lovas (REP); A. Biggs (REP);	Local Governments; Public Notices; Website Authorizes counties and municipalities to publish public notices on a website instead of in a print newspaper.	3/18/13 Passed House on reconsideration. Assigned to Senate Government & Environment Committee. Senate second read: 3/20/13 3/21/13 Held in Committee.

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Bill Number	Sponsor	Brief Description	Status
SB 1090 Fact Sheet	Senators: L. Landrum Taylor (DEM); D. Bradley (DEM); K. Hobbs (DEM); L. Lopez (DEM); B. McGuire (DEM); A. Tovar (DEM); N. Barto (REP); J. Burges (REP); R. Murphy (REP); K. Yee (REP); Representative C. Miranda (DEM);	Dependent Children; Placement; Grandparents; Stipend Restores a monthly stipend and other benefits to grandparents and great grandparents who are caring for their children.	Passed Senate with Amendments 2/18/13 Passed House 4/22/13 with amendments
SB 1093 Fact Sheet	Senator J. McComish (REP); Representatives J. Dial (REP); B. Robson (REP)	Disability Placards; Non-profit Organizations Amends or changes the Arizona Revised Statutes related to special license plates.	Signed by Governor 4/30/13

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Bill Number	Sponsor	Brief Description	Status
SB 1100 Fact Sheet	Senators: K. Yee (REP); K. Hobbs (DEM); L. Landrum Taylor (DEM); L. Lopez (DEM); R. Meza (DEM); L. Pancrazi (DEM); M. Raegan (REP); N. Barto (REP); D. Bradley (DEM); C. Crandell (REP); A. Driggs (REP); G. Griffin (REP); S. Pierce (REP); K. Ward (REP)	ASDB; Continuation Continues the Board of Directors of the Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and Blind (ASDB) for 10 years.	Signed by Governor 5/7/13
SB1108 Fact Sheet	Senators: N. Barto (REP); J. Burges (REP); G. Griffin (REP); L. Landrum Taylor (DEM); R. Murphy (REP); D. Lesko (REP); A. Biggs (REP); D. Bradley (DEM); D. Shooter (REP); K. Ward (REP); S. Yarbrough (REP); K. Yee (REP)	Foster Home Licensure; Immunizations Prohibits DES from requiring a foster parent to immunize the parent's natural or adoptive children as a condition of foster home licensure.	Signed by Governor 5/2/13

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Bill Number	Sponsor	Brief Description	Status
SB 1437 Fact Sheet	K. Ward (REP); A Driggs (REP); S. Pierce (REP);	Music Therapists; Licensure Adds a new chapter to Title 36 (Public Health and Safety) regulating music therapists under the Department of Health Services. Establishes qualifications for licensure as a music therapist.	Passed Senate 3/19/13 Passed House with amendments 4/8/13 Passed Senate with amendments 4/22/13 VETOED by Governor 4/30/13
SB1208 Fact Sheet	A Driggs (REP); L. Landrum Taylor (DEM); R. Murphy (REP); A. Tovar (DEM); S. Yarbrough (REP); L. Alston (DEM); T. Forese (REP); N. Barto (REP); C. Crandell (REP); R. Crandall (REP); K. Ward (REP); B. Worsley (REP); Representatives: H. Carter (REP); J. Olson (REP).	Pilot; Foster care tuition waiver Establishes a five-year pilot program that expands eligibility for tuition waiver scholarships for those in foster care, who meet certain conditions and attend any Arizona public university or community college.	3/6/13 Passed Senate 5/8/13 Passed House with amendments. 5/8/13 Transmitted to Senate for action on House amendments. 5/9/13 Majority Caucus Y; Minority Caucus Y Concurrence Recommended.

DETAILED INFORMATION

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Bills Related to Developmental Disability Issues:

HB 2042: ~~TECHNICAL CORRECTION; HOME HEALTH AGENCIES~~
NOW: SCHOOLS; PUPILS WITH DIABETES

Status: **Signed by Governor 4/11/13**

Summary: Allows voluntary diabetes care assistants to administer or assist a pupil self-administer insulin in an emergency under certain circumstances. Expands the required training provided by a licensed health professional regarding diabetes.

HB 2044: ARIZONA HEALTH CARE COST CONTAINMENT
SYSTEM (AHCCCS); CONTINUATION.

Status: **Passed House 2/13/13. Assigned to Senate Health & Human Services Committee. Senate second read: 2/20/13. Recommendation: Do Pass. 3/5/13 Majority Caucus Y; Minority Caucus Y**

Summary: This law would extend the AHCCCS system for 10 more years to July 1, 2023

HB 2045: AHCCCS; HOSPITAL REIMBURSEMENT
METHODOLOGY

Status: **Passed House 2/21/13. Passed Senate with amendments 4/15/13. 4/16/13 House Majority Caucus H; Minority Caucus Y 4/23/13 House refused to concur in Senate amendments and named Carter, Boyer and Meyer to a FREE Conference Committee. Senate named Barto, Bradley and Ward. Passed House 5/15/13. Passed Senate 5/16/13. Transmitted to House.**

Summary: This law changes the way hospitals are paid using a process similar to those established in the Social Security Act. The law would no longer require the legislature to approve new rates.

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HB 2047: PUPIL ASSESSMENTS; AIMS TRANSITION

Status: **Passed House with amendments 2/5/13. Assigned to Senate Education Committee and Government and Environment Committee. Senate second read: 2/20/13. 3/21/13: Education Committee – discussion only.**

Summary: AIMS Replacement□

Effective July 1, 2014, the Arizona Instrument to Measure Standards (AIMS) test is eliminated and replaced with a competency test adopted by the State Board of Education

HB 2066: DEFINITION; ARCHAIC LANGUAGE; REMOVAL

Status: **Signed by Governor 4/11/13**

Summary: Makes various changes to definition sections of statute in order to remove archaic language.

HB 2089: AHCCCS; CHRONICALLY ILL CHILDREN

Status: **Passed House 2/28/13. Passed Senate with amendments 5/14/13. Transmitted to House 5/14/13. 5/16/13 Majority Caucus Y; Minority Caucus Y. Concurrence recommended.**

Summary: This law amends or changes a variety of sections of the current statutes related to ACHHS.

This law would include the following actions:

- a) Use a definition of chronic illness or physical disability;
- b) Specify a diagnosis before the age of 21 years of age and whose primary diagnosis is a severe physical condition that requires ongoing medical intervention;
- c) As monies are available – a program will be established for these children that evaluates their needs; gathers statistical information; and sets up service delivery.
- d) A statewide information and referral service to enhance service delivery
- e) Acceptance of federal monies for these services
- f) This program will continue through July 1, 2023.

HB 2091: AHCCCS; ORTHOTIC SERVICES; RESTORATION

Status: Passed House 3/6/13. Passed Senate COW with amendments 4/25/13

Summary: This law amends or changes services related to the AHCCCS system.

This law restores coverage for orthotic device if it is prescribed; the device is less expensive than other treatment options or surgical procedures and it is medically recognized as the preferred treatment.

HB 2144: CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Status: Passed House 2/28/13. Assigned to Senate Health & Human Services Committee.

Senate second read: 3/5/13. Recommendation: Do Pass with amendments 3/13/13.

3/19/13 Majority Caucus Y; Minority Caucus Y

Summary: Amends or changes the section of the Arizona Revised Statutes that defines the purpose of this agency to include investigations, safety matters, cooperative work with law enforcement agencies, coordination of permanent solutions on behalf of all children.

HB 2158: COURT-ORDERED EVALUATIONS

Status: Passed House 2/28/13. Assigned to Senate Public Safety Committee. Senate second read: 3/5/13. Recommendation: Do Pass 3/13/13.

Summary: This bill is an emergency measure that allows a peace officer (officer) to detain a person who is believed to be a danger based on probable cause, rather than observed behavior (current). It also extends the time period, from twenty-four to forty-eight hours, a person may be detained in custody for emergency admission.

HB 2161: LICENSE FEE; SERVICE DOGS; WAIVER

Status: Assigned to Agriculture and Water Committee. House second read: 1/23/13.

Summary: Amends or changes the language in the Arizona Revised Statutes on the process of animal registration and control.

This law permits the members of the Board of Supervisors of each Arizona County to not charge a person with disability and who uses a service animal. The person with the service dog must provide proof that the dog is a service animal in order to not have to pay a regular fee.

HB 2259: VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION; PROSTHETIC APPLIANCES; ORTHODONTICS

Status: Signed by Governor 4/17/13

Summary: For the purposes of vocational rehabilitation, the definition of "prosthetic appliance" is expanded to include orthodontic appliances.

Impact: • To be determined

HB 2401: SERVICE ANIMAL; DEFINITION.

Status: Signed by Governor 4/5/13

Summary: Amends or changes the Arizona Revised Statutes related to the handling of animals. This law clarifies and expands the definition of the term service animal to include an animal that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability including physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual or other mental disability. This includes a miniature horse that is individually trained to do work for a disabled individual.

HB 2458: EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNTS; FRAUD PREVENTION

Status: Signed by Governor 5/2/13.

Summary: Outlines additional policies that the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) can adopt to monitor fraudulent activity in Empowerment Scholarship Accounts (ESA) and details what constitutes fraudulent use of an ESA.

HB 2476: SCHOOLS; ISOLATION ROOMS; RESTRICTIONS

Status: Signed by Governor 4/3/13.

Summary: This law amends or changes the Arizona Revised Statutes relating to pupil discipline. It provides for the following actions:

beginning in the school year 2013-2014, disciplinary policies for the confinement of pupils left alone in an enclosed space will ensure the criteria for confinement; the size of the room in which the confinement will occur; the maximum number of minutes that the pupil will be physically prevented from exiting the room in which the confinement occurs; the method for monitoring the pupil.

HB 2483 PUBLIC NOTICES; PUBLISHING; PUBLIC MEDIUM

Status: **Failed House 3/18/13.**

Summary: This law amends or changes the Arizona Revised Statutes relating to the publishing of statutory public notices. It requires public notices to be published on a public medium rather than in a newspaper.

HB 2533 LOCAL GOVERNMENTS; PUBLIC NOTICES; WEBSITE

Status: **3/18/13 Passed House on reconsideration. Assigned to Senate Government and Environment Committee. Senate second read: 3/20/13. Held in Committee 3/21/13.**

Summary: Authorizes counties and municipalities to publish public notices on a website instead of in a print newspaper.

SB 1090: DEPENDENT CHILDREN; PLACEMENT;
GRANDPARENTS; STIPEND

Status: **Passed Senate with amendments 2/18/13. Passed House 4/22/13 with amendments.**

Summary: Restores a monthly stipend and other benefits to grandparents and great grandparents who are caring for their children.

SB 1093: DISABILITY PLACARDS; NON-PROFIT
ORGANIZATIONS

Status: **Signed by Governor 4/30/13.**

Summary: Amends or changes the Arizona Revised Statutes related to special license plates. This law allows the issuance of up to three permanently disabled removable windshield placards to a nonprofit organization that provides assistance to senior citizens.

SB 1100: ASDB; CONTINUATION

Status: Signed by Governor 5/7/13.

Summary: This law continues the Board of Directors of the Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and Blind (ASDB) for 10 years.

The ASDB was established in 1912 to serve children from birth through age 21. The schools currently serve over 2200 students on three campuses, preschool services and contracted services provided at local schools. The Board continues until July 1, 2023. There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the general fund.

SB 1108: FOSTER HOME LICENSURE; IMMUNIZATIONS

Status: Signed by Governor 5/2/13.

Summary: This law changes the requirements and condition of foster home licensure.

The Department of Economic Security is prohibited from requiring a foster parent to immunize the parent's natural or adoptive children as a condition of foster home licensure.

SB 1437: MUSIC THERAPISTS; LICENSURE

Status: Vetoed by Governor 4/30/13.

Summary: Adds a new chapter to Title 36 (Public Health and Safety) regulating music therapists under the Department of Health Services. Establishes qualifications for licensure as a music therapist. Beginning October 1, 2014, a person is prohibited from engaging in the "practice of music therapy" (defined) or claiming to be a music therapist unless the person is licensed. Establishes disciplinary actions, including civil penalties for violations of these regulations.

Impact: • To be determined

SB 1208: PILOT; FOSTER CARE TUITION WAIVER

Status: Passed Senate 3/6/13. Passed House with amendments 5/8/13. Transmitted to Senate for action on amendments 5/8/13. 5/9/13 Majority Caucus Y; Minority Caucus Y. Concurrence recommended.

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**SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS AND MEMORIALS PASSED/SIGNED
INTO LAW**

- [HCM 2007](#) Cherrybell; Mail Processing Center
- [HCR 2019](#) National Wear Red Day
- [HCR 2020](#) First Responders Recognition Day
- [HCR 2034](#) Arizona Territory; 150th Anniversary
- [HCR 2035](#) Recognizing Arizona Caregivers
A first step in creating support and resources for Arizona's 855,000 family caregivers. Family caregivers provide the majority of all caregiving for children and adults with mental and physical disabilities and frail elders.
- [HCR 2036](#) Boy Scouts of America
- [HR 2001](#) Recognizing Autism Organizations
The Members of the House of Representatives recognize the worthwhile organizations in this state, including the Southwest Autism Research and Resource Center, that are dedicated to providing support to people affected by autism and to advancing research efforts regarding autism spectrum disorder.
- [HM 2002](#) Victims' Rights Amendment; Federal Constitution
- [SCM 1001](#) Clean Air Act
- [SCR1009](#) Inmate Labor and Services
- [SCR 1012](#) EPA Actions; Haze
- [SCR 1013](#) Endangered Species Act
- [SCR 1014](#) Vietnam War; Commemorative Partner
- [SCR 1015](#) Support; Second Amendment
- [SCR 1016](#) Unconstitutional Federal Actions to Ballot
- [SCR 1020](#) Sheriff Larry Dever; Death Resolution
- [SCR 1021](#) Death Resolution; Bill Konopnicki
- [SR 1003](#) Honoring Paul & Lorena Williams
- [SR 1004](#) Death Resolution; Bud Strom
- [Senate Proclamation](#) Declaring October as Dwarfism Awareness Month

(see below for a copy of the proclamation).

In an effort to be proactive in encouraging public awareness of positive stories of the dwarfism community and in keeping with their mission Little People of America (LPA) has declared October National Dwarfism Awareness Month. The following states have now passed resolutions calling for October to be Dwarfism Awareness Month: Arizona, California, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Missouri, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oklahoma, and Puerto Rico.



Senate Proclamation

Proclaiming October as Dwarfism Awareness Month

WHEREAS, there are an estimated 648 persons with dwarfism residing in the State of Arizona, averaging one per every 10,000 births, over 30,000 people in the United States, and over 650,000 in the world; and

WHEREAS, there are over 200 distinct types of dwarfism or skeletal dysplasias; the most common type of dwarfism, achondroplasia, restricts the growth of the arms and legs; the typical height range for persons with dwarfism is 2 feet 8 inches to 4 feet 5 inches; and

WHEREAS, over eighty percent of persons with dwarfism have average-height parents and siblings; and

WHEREAS, the medical prognosis for people with dwarfism varies from condition to condition, and with the severity of that condition in each individual; the majority of persons with dwarfism enjoy normal life spans and reasonably good health; Others will require surgeries or other medical interventions to address complications and maximize mobility; and

WHEREAS, the term "midget" is antiquated, and is considered offensive to most people with dwarfism; and

WHEREAS, the preferred terminology for someone with dwarfism is "person of short stature," "having dwarfism," or "little person"; and

WHEREAS, persons with dwarfism are protected under the federal Americans with Disabilities Act; and

WHEREAS, persons with dwarfism are able to function as well in society as average-height people and are perfectly capable of playing sports, driving cars, traveling, and having fulfilling careers and families – all with simple and reasonable accommodations; and

WHEREAS, persons with dwarfism can turn to support organizations such as the Little People of America (LPA), the nation's oldest and largest organization for persons with dwarfism, for guidance on parenting, adoption, education, medical consultation, physical fitness, peer support, community outreach, and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, LPA was founded by the late actor Billy Barty, who during his over 70-year career appeared in more than 100 films and television shows; and

WHEREAS, persons with dwarfism contribute to the strength of the economy in Arizona by being productive members of the workforce, representing all careers and professions; and

WHEREAS, LPA has declared October as National Dwarfism Awareness Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Arizona State Senate designates October as Dwarfism Awareness Month in Arizona to increase public knowledge about persons with dwarfism.

Dated this 20th day of February, 2013.


ANDY BIGGS
President of the Senate

